



THE BANK ARTS CENTRE

# PORTRAIT OF US

## OPEN CALL - SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

Since re-launching our exhibitions programme last year, we are amazed by the generous support, understanding and encouragement from our incredible community of residents and artists. Each and every act of support helps make The Bank the special creative hub it is today - to recognise our vibrant community, for this Open Call exhibition we are requesting submissions of self-portraits.

### BRIEF

The aim of this exhibition is to create an overall portrait of our creative community. We are requesting submissions of artworks that represent yourself. We understand not every artist in our community is inspired by figurative work, therefore we are accepting both literal and abstract approaches to this brief. This may be a representational self-portrait, or a self-portrait that takes a metaphorical, conceptual or abstract form.

We encourage submissions from students, young artists and professionals alike. We will consider submissions of media, this may include, but is not limited to - painting, drawing, print, sculpture, installations, digital media, photography and textile.

**Artwork submissions for this exhibition are open to all artists & creatives based in or around East Anglia. Artists can submit up to 3 artworks for consideration.**

### DETAILS

Submissions close at **4pm on Friday 1 March 2024.**

Artists will be notified whether their submission was successful by **Sunday 3 March 2024.**

**Exhibiting Fees:** Submission to this open call is free. However, we kindly ask that each artist selected for the exhibition pay a **£15 fee** to contribute to the running costs of the exhibition.

Selected artists will be given a selection of dates to deliver their work. Selected artworks must be delivered to The Bank Arts Centre at 2 Castle Street, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7AN by 17 March 2024 at the latest.

The exhibition will be open to the public from **20th March to 27 April 2024.** All artworks must be available for this period.

## TERMS

- **Artworks:** All artworks must arrive ready for installation. Artworks must be framed (with D-rings and picture wire). Unframed artworks will be accepted but installation of these works must be agreed in advance and artist must provide suitable fixings (clips, etc).
- The Bank Arts Centre takes sales commission on all art sales. This is 25% standard and 10% for students. The Bank is a not-for-profit CIC and all sales commission supports core costs.
- All artworks submitted must be available for the period of this exhibition.
- **Artwork Delivery / Collection:** The Artist is responsible for delivering and collecting their work to/from The Bank at the agreed date and time. Specific dates will be organised with successful submissions.
- **Transportation of Artwork:** The Bank will not cover the cost of shipment of artwork. It is the responsibility of the Artist sole responsibility to arrange for delivery and pick-up of all artwork.
- **Insurance:** The Bank is not responsible for the insurance of exhibited artworks. It is the artists responsibility to arrange insurance if they wish.

By submitting artwork to this open call, you are agreeing to all of the above terms.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

To submit work to this open call, please email the following information to Abbie at [thebankeye.gallery@gmail.com](mailto:thebankeye.gallery@gmail.com)

- **Your name**
- **A short statement about you and your work** (Max. 200 words)
- **Good quality photographs of your artwork(s)\***
- **Artwork details** (title, medium, size)
- **Price** (if for sale, please include commission)

\*To help our team with reviewing your submission, please ensure the images of your artworks are re-named to match the artwork details provided.

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**The Bank Arts Centre** (Eyes Open CIC) is a not-for-profit, volunteer-led, community Arts Project providing a social and creative hub for our rural community. Based in a Grade II listed ex-Midlands Bank building, we host an eclectic programme of exhibitions, live music, events and workshops to provide inclusive and accessible experiences to encourage all to explore creative practices.

To find out more about The Bank Arts Centre visit [www.thebankeye.org](http://www.thebankeye.org) or contact:

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